

Garrett Paiz stories -

Post Christmas 2016 (age 12)

**Bonnie: one of the thank-you notes you left at my desk reads:**

"Dear Grandma and Mike  
Thank you for the money and the gift.  
I bought GTA5 with the money.

I love you guys so much  
thank you  
from: Garrett Paiz"

I had no idea what GTA5 is, although I think we had asked him and he told us:

**Grand Theft Auto V** is an [open world action-adventure](#) video game developed by [Rockstar North](#) and published by [Rockstar Games](#). The game was released on 17 September 2013 for the [PlayStation 3](#) and [Xbox 360](#), on 18 November 2014 for the [PlayStation 4](#) and [Xbox One](#), and on 14 April 2015 for [Microsoft Windows](#). It is the first main entry in the [Grand Theft Auto series](#) since 2008's [Grand Theft Auto IV](#). Set within the fictional state of San Andreas, based on [Southern California](#), the [single-player](#) story follows three criminals and their efforts to commit heists while under pressure from a government agency. The open world design lets players freely roam San Andreas's open countryside and the fictional city of Los Santos, based on [Los Angeles](#).

The game is played from either a [first-person](#) or [third-person view](#) and its world is navigated on foot or by vehicle. Players control the three lead protagonists throughout single-player and switch between them both during and outside of missions. The story is centred on the heist sequences, and many missions involve shooting and driving gameplay. A "wanted" system governs the aggression of law enforcement response to players who commit crimes.

**question: Does Donald Trump approve of this?**

*Response from Beth:*

Garrett's Mother does not approve of GTA5. However, Garrett has Googled the "cheats" you can execute in the game where he does not have to enter into conflict with law enforcement. That is our compromise. He can heist his way through the game (he invests his money in fictitious ventures) without having to challenge a police officer. So he gets rich and the police know to stay away. It's based loosely upon the Clinton Foundation.

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Super answer, Beth - you (along with Garrett) have just qualified for entry into "Blackledge Stories" [aka BS]

Licorice stick: Beth is driving Garrett somewhere, and in the rear-view mirror, she sees Garrett in the back seat, sucking on a licorice stick. Wait a

minute, she thinks, We don't have any licorice sticks! "Garrett," she asks, "where did you get that licorice?" Garrett takes the stick out of his mouth for a minute, and casually replies, "Oh, I got a guy ..."